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The Honorable Daniel R. Elliott, III
Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
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Dear Chairman Elliott:

It is my understanding that Mr. John J. O'Leary has been nominated for a position on the Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (RSTAC) of the Surface Transportation Board. Mr. O'Leary is the Director of Logistics Services for Arkema Inc., based in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, and the purpose of this letter is to express my support for this nomination and request that it be given full and fair consideration.

Arkema Inc. is a global chemical company that employs over 2,600 people and operates 30 manufacturing and research facilities in 17 states across the United States. I understand that Mr. O'Leary is currently responsible for managing and supporting shipping activities at Arkema, specifically rail shipments. Further, I am informed that rail transportation is heavily relied upon by Arkema for shipment of hazardous and non-hazardous chemicals used in a variety of products, across many different industries.

I have been advised that Mr. O'Leary has thirty five years of experience in rail transportation, shipping and logistics, and has held key supply chain positions within Arkema and its predecessor companies. Additionally, I am advised that Mr. O'Leary has significant experience in rail regulatory and policy formulation and analysis, served as past president of the National Freight Transportation Association, and has testified before the Surface Transportation Board and the Federal Railroad Administration.

For these reasons, Mr. O'Leary is a strong candidate for a position on the RSTAC, and I believe that his experience and knowledge would greatly benefit the Surface Transportation Board and the public. Thank you for the consideration of my views and if you have any questions please feel free to contact me or my staff at (202) 224-6324.

Sincerely,



Robert P. Casey, Jr.
United States Senator